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Flexible defence based on a firm line-up is gaining ground!

France gained the major tournaments in recent years what was mainly due to its very flexible active 2-line defence. Thanks to its defence philosophy of constantly attacking the opponents and putting pressure on them, Spain took part in setting that trend.

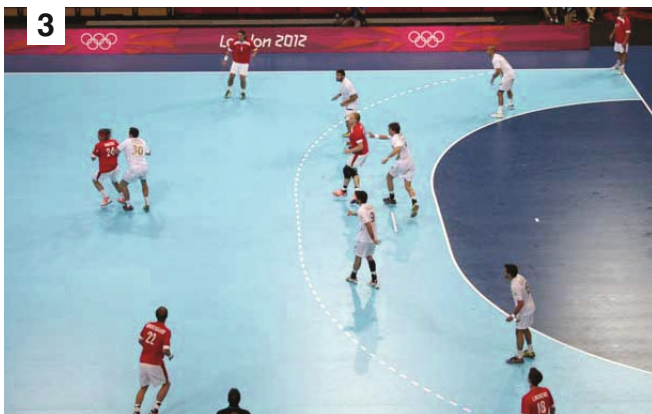
Rarely than ever before has the defence obtained that many ball steals than they did in the match, which has been the best one of the Olympic Tournament so far. The picture row shows the Spanish 6:0 line-up that performed flexibly and actively to focus on Denmark's World Handball Player of the Year Mikkel Hansen, whose long shots finally decided the match.



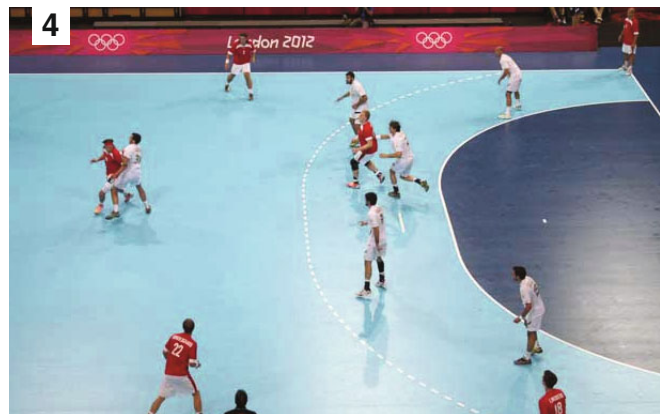
1 The right inside defender takes up a diagonal position to spoil Hansen's ball reception, who is moving forward.



2 Hansen stops to receive the ball and is immediately tackled by the Spanish defender.



3 Hansen tries to turn around to break free but is closely



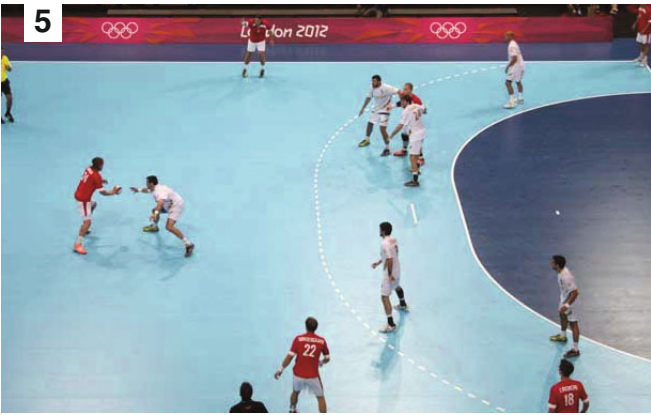
4 covered by the defender.



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Hansen is forced to bounce the ball while the defender is attacking the ball immediately in order to put more pressure on his opponent.



Hansen has to pass back to the centre back on the left back position.



Two-on-two with blocking the pivot



The left half defender tries to run behind the pivot. The right inside defender is blocking defensively while the second inside defender is moving to the inside, however, blocks a back pass to Hansen.



Picture 9: The right half defender is also able to attack a pass to the right back. Therefore and instead of playing a shot on goal the centre back decides to play the ball diagonally to the right wing.



Picture 10 to 11: The outside defender intercepts the pass to open Spain's counter-attack.